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The Stumbling Stone

Romans 9:30-33

I. The Righteousness They Found (v. 30)

A. The Gentiles were not _____ righteousness (Rom. 1:18-25; Eph. 2:1-3; Eph. 2:11-12)

B. The Gentiles obtained righteousness by _____ (Rom. 3:21-24; Rom. 4:3-5; Phil. 3:8-9)

C. God's grace reaches those who do not _____ it (Rom. 9:25-26; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:3-7)

II. The Righteousness They Missed (vv. 31-32a)

A. Israel pursued righteousness with _____ zeal (Rom. 10:1-3; Phil. 3:4-6; Gal. 3:10-10)

B. Israel trusted in _____ rather than faith (Rom. 3:20; Gal. 2:16; Isa. 64:6)

C. Israel's greatest _____ was their own self-righteousness (Luke 18:9-14; Matt. 9:10-13; Phil. 3:7-9)

III. The Savior They Rejected (vv. 32b-33)

A. Christ is the _____ God Himself has laid (Isa. 28:16; Ps. 118:22; 1 Cor. 3:11)

B. Christ is a _____ Stone to those who reject Him (Isa. 8:14; 1 Cor. 1:22-24; 1 Pet. 2:6-8)

C. Christ is the _____ foundation for everyone who believes (Rom. 8:1; Rom. 8:33-34; 1 Pet. 2:6)

TAKE HOME:

- Am I standing on Christ or _____ over Him?
- Has God’s sovereign _____ made me more humble and more compassionate?
- Who needs to hear the _____ from me this week?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others.

1. Am I relying on my church background, or have I personally trusted Christ?
   (Rom. 9:30-33; Eph. 2:8-9; Phil. 3:8-9)

2. If I stood before God today, would I point to what Christ has done or to what I have done?
   (Rom. 3:2-24; Rom. 4:3-5; Phil. 3:8-9)

3. Has God's mercy made me more humble toward people whose lives look different from mine?
   (Rom. 9:25-26; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:3-7)

4. Am I treating obedience as the fruit of salvation, or as a way to earn God's acceptance?
   (Rom. 3:20; Gal. 2:16; Isa. 64:6)

5. When I pray, do I ask for mercy or quietly rehearse my religious accomplishments?
   (Luke 18:9-14; Matt. 9:10-13; Phil. 3:7-9)

6. Is Christ the foundation of my life, or am I depending on success, family, morality, or security?
   (Isa. 28:16; Ps. 118:22; 1 Cor. 3:11)

7. Do I trust Jesus as He is revealed in Scripture, even when He challenges my view of myself?
   (Isa. 8:14; 1 Cor. 1:22-24; 1 Pet. 2:6-8)

8. Who needs to hear the gospel from me this week, and will I keep praying for them?
   (Rom. 9:25-26; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:3-7)

"And why do people stumble over the cross? Because it undermines our self-righteousness."

- John Stott, *The Message of Romans*